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GENERATING A MULTIPLE COMPOSITE
IMAGE

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manual fails to teach the production of composite background, foreground, and interior images via interlacing where respective portions thereof may be deleted to form specialized images and create a multiple composite image, as recited in the claims.

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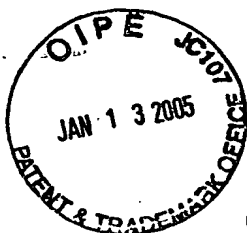
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